Inquiry into sell-off deals of Centaur Hotels

867. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have caused an inquiry into the self-off deals of the two Centaur Hotels in Mumbai, as per recent report of CAG;

(b) if so, at what amount the hotels were sold off and what was the estimated market value of each of these hotels; and

(c) at what level and through which agency the probe has been made indicating the outcome thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) In the light of observations made by the C&AG relating to sale transactions of Hotel Juhu Centaur, Mumbai and Hotel Airport Centaur, Mumbai, Government has decided to institute a CBI enquiry. The decision of the Government has been conveyed to the CBI in July, 2005.

Hotel Airport Centaur Mumbai was sold for Rs. 83.00 crore and Hotel Juhu Centaur Mumbai was sold for Rs. 153.00 crore. Before sale, reserve price was fixed at Rs. 78.30 crore for Hotel Airport Centaur, Mumbai and Rs. 101.60 crore for Hotel Juhu Centaur, Mumbai.

Outcome Budget to discipline expenditure

868. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have unveiled an outcome Budget to discipline the spending by various Central Ministries and Departments;

(b) whether this would help in monitoring expenses towards the last quarter of the financial year;

(c) whether the Planning Commission has worked at setting fiscal budget to correspond to the expenditure for the last two months; and

(d) how far this budget would enable allocation of resources based on progress?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM: (a) to (d) In order to improve the quality

of implementation and enhance efficiency and accountability of the delivery mechanism, it was announced in the Budget Speech 2005-06 that, together with the Planning Commission, a mechanism would be put in place to measure and monitor the development outcomes of all major programmes.

The Ministry of Finance and the Planning Commission are in the process of evolving this mechanism in consultation with Administrative Ministries/ Departments.

Guidelines to banks regarding NPAs

869. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any guidelines to the Public Sector Banks to spell out to Government or to the Reserve Bank of India the details of their Non-Performing Assets (NPAs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the guidelines are being followed in letter and spirit; and

(d) if so, whether Government would furnish the approximate corpus of the NPA as on date and the efforts made to recover them together with the success achieved therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India has, from time to time, issued guidelines to Banks/FIs for classification and provisioning of Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) as also their disclosure in their balance-sheets. Accordingly, all banks/FIs including Public Sector Banks (PSBs) are required to furnish details of movement in NPAs in their annual financial statements. These guidelines are being followed by PSBs meticulously.

(d) The gross Non-Performing Assets of all scheduled commercial banks as on 31st March, 2005 were of the order Rs. 58091 crore. Government of India and Reserve bank of India have stipulated certain steps for recovery of loans, which, *inter-alia*, include evolving and implementing a recovery